

against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to provide by general law for the apportionment of the value of railroad rolling stock among counties for purposes of property taxation."

Adopted by the Senate on March 7, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0;
adopted by the House on May 16, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 0,
two present not voting.

Received: May 22, 1985

To be voted on: November 4, 1986

S.J.R No. 16

Senate Joint Resolution proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the manner in which a person is charged with a criminal offense and to certain requirements applicable to state writs and processes.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article V, Section 12, of the Texas Constitution is amended to read as follows:

"Section 12. (a) All judges of courts of this State, by virtue of their office, are [be] conservators of the peace throughout the State. [The style of all writs and process shall be: 'The State of Texas.' All prosecutions shall be carried on in the name and by authority of the State of Texas, and shall conclude: 'Against the peace and dignity of the State.']"

"(b) An indictment is a written instrument presented to a court by a grand jury charging a person with the commission of an offense. An information is a written instrument presented to a court by an attorney for the State charging a person with the commission of an offense. The practice and procedures relating to the use of indictments and informations, including their contents, amendment, sufficiency, and requisites, are as provided by law. The presentment of an indictment or information to a court invests the court with jurisdiction of the cause."

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 1985. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition. "The constitutional amendment relating to the manner in which a person is charged with a criminal offense and to certain requirements applicable to state writs and processes."

Adopted by the Senate on March 21, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 0;
adopted by the House on May 8, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 129, Nays 8,
one present not voting.

Received: May 14, 1985

To be voted on: November 5, 1985

S.J.R No. 21

Senate Joint Resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize use of proceeds from the sale of permanent school fund land to acquire other land as part of the permanent school fund.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article VII, Section 4, of the Texas Constitution is amended to read as follows:

"Section 4. The lands herein set apart to the Public Free School fund, shall be sold under such regulations, at such times, and on such terms as may be prescribed by law; and the Legislature shall not have power to grant any relief to purchasers thereof. The [Comptroller shall invest the] proceeds of such sales must be used to acquire other land for the Public Free School fund as provided by law or the proceeds shall be invested by the treasurer; and of those heretofore made], as may be directed by the Board of Education herein provided for, in the bonds of the United States, the State of Texas, or counties in said State, or in such other securities, and under such restrictions as may be prescribed by law; and the State shall be responsible for all investments."